

Klukwan, Alaska
February 6, 1943

Dear Reverend Bingle;

I am concluding a ten day stay in this community which has given me a chance to study the people, become acquainted with their problems and with the help of the teacher to secure the confidence of many of the community leaders. As a result a situation has come to my attention which I wish to pass along to you for what it may be worth. Since I have full confidence in your ability and disposition to understand the problems of the Native people as it relates to their church activities I feel free to give you this information. I will ask however that you regard this letter as a personal confidence and not connect my name in any way with such action as you may wish to take in the matter if it falls within your jurisdiction. You can readily appreciate that I can not have any official identification with this matter and offer it for what help you may be able to give these Klukwan Natives. The facts as near as I can determine them from local reports are as follows.

A Presbyterian Church was established in this community over 40 years ago. There has been a succession of ministers and lay workers who have afforded varying degrees of leadership but the people are, or have been to date, a rather solid Presbyterian group. DeWitt was probably the last ordained minister to work here. He was a Native and was here from 1932 to 1934. A Native lay worker was here for about five months during the years 1940-41. Sobeleff and Bromley visited here at different times during 1942.

A good church building belonging to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions was built about 40 years ago. It includes quarters for the minister, is piped with water from the town water system recently installed, and has been kept in good repair by the people. All labor on the building was donated by the Klukwan people. *Also the building site*

Dan Katzeek is an elder of the local church and an influential member of the community. He would like to see the Presbyterian Church continue in the village and would probably be the key man for you to contact in regard to any future action. His wife is a graduate of the old Sitka Training School and is a very able interpreter and able to handle correspondence.

The Pentacostal Church has sent a missionary here. She is Miss Norma Lando, a former Territorial teacher at ~~Petersburg~~ ^{Sitka}. She is a hard worker, has real missionary spirit, holds four services per week and supports herself by working in the Native store, as postmaster and receives frequent and substantial donations from "Outside" sources. She is winning a real place in the village by her unselfish and unassuming service. Two elderly lady missionaries assisted her during part of 1942. They held services at the Haines cannery during the summer. It is reported that one of them is now in the States for the specific purpose of raising money to buy the church. The local people assist Miss Lando by supplying wood for the church and for her quarters in the church. As a result the Klukwan people are rapidly accepting her teachings and display a rapidly growing interest in the Pentacostal church. They are at the point where a slight push would probably result in wholesale acceptance of the Pentacostal faith and the full acceptance of the church in the community.

The community feels that the Presbyterian Church has "let them down"

but would prefer to continue to support the Presbyterian Church if they were given the church service and leadership which they want and deserve. Such leadership is most essential at this time because of the large number of itinerant workers coming in to work on the new highway and other social conditions resulting from the whole pattern of war time activities. I don't need to explain this to you in any detail.

It is reported that the Presbyterian Mission Board has offered to ~~sell~~ sell the local building to the Pentacostal Church for \$2100.00. As I said above one of their missionaries is said to be ^{"outside"} trying to raise the money for this purpose. To lose their building would be the "final blow" to many of these old people who have donated so much work and profited by the former leadership of their church. Help soon would probably retain the entire program which has so long been established here.

As you know, competing religious interests produce community tension and destroy the group solidarity of the people. This group are suffering ~~severe~~ seriously from such a breakdown at this time when they are most in need of a solid front instead of a "second front". There are enough old leaders to do the job if they have some real help. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, the OIA teachers here, are keenly aware of the situation and feel that the break down in the established Presbyterian church is very damaging to the group. Any worker coming to this community can profit greatly from their guidance and counsel. They, like myself, because of their position in the village must play their part entirely behind the scenes.

I feel that this information in your hands will do the most good for the community and will be glad to give other assistance if possible. Any value that it may be to you will express in a small way my appreciation for your assistance of some months ago when I was applying for a commission in the Navy. Unfortunately I did not have qualifications which they could use and before I could get into the service in any other capacity the age limits were lowered which made me definitely among the "also rans" Many thanks just the same for the nice letter of recommendation which you submitted on my behalf. I will probably limit travel to southeastern this winter and hope I may run into you some place in the field or at Juneau.

College, Alaska
Mar. 1/43

Dear Dr. King:-

I am inclosing a letter that came to us this past week. The man from whom it came is working for the government and is in a position to know the native people and their problems.

We pass it on to you to do with as you see fit. You may already be acquainted with the facts.

Best is planning to go north today or tomorrow. He asked me to send this letter for him. We are looking forward to your

coming to Alaska soon.

Sincerely

Wahel Bingle

Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 17, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Everett:

Re: The Klukwan property.

As you know, Miss Norma Lando, an independent Pentecostal worker has been occupying the manse for about 18 months and using the Church building, rent free, through permission of Mr. Bromley. I had hoped she would buy the property from us. I have a letter from her today, in which she says the property is not worth more than \$500. and she will buy it for that figure.

In my estimation, the bid is outrageous, and I do not think it should be considered.

Meanwhile, I have just had a talk with Dr. Dale of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and his report to me was most revealing. Perhaps, it will be well worth considering.

The new highway from Haines goes within a quarter of a mile of the village. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has secured the right to the property lying between the village and the highway in order to keep speculators from over-running the natives. Dr. Dale told me, the natives are much concerned over our discontinuing the work there, and want us to reopen it. They are much divided over this new Pentecostal group, and do not want them there. Dr. Dale has just recently returned from a trip to Klukwan where he stayed for about a week.

Miss Lando is supported by a woman who lives in the State of Washington, and who also spent several months in Klukwan. It seems that during the past year, they both became very much involved in indiscrete relations with some of the men of the community. The Bureau of Indian Affairs would like greatly to get them out of the village.

Please give some consideration to the fact that this village may grow into a prosperous community due to the fact of the highway. A part time worker could revive our work there, if it is not possible to send in a lay-worker, or a worker for a longer period of time. Much could be accomplished by some member of Haines House going there, say once every two weeks.

These are the facts to date. I shall be glad to have your reactions to them.

I realise the transportation problem is very great, yet we shall be pleased if you can find a way to visit Alaska at the time of Presbytery in Juneau.

While I have received no word from Mr. Swogger announcing the time of Presbytery, I have understood from Walter Soboleff the date will be April 1-4, and it will meet in the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Cordially yours,

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March 24, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. Willis R. Booth
P. O. Box 3020
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

I am not at all surprised to read your story about the Klukwan property, in your letter of March 17. Perhaps it will be the wisest policy for us not to do anything at all for the present. As you say the chances are that this village might grow into a large community and call for some real constructive work. Since we have the backing and we have the property, perhaps we can wait for a few more weeks before we make any permanent plans.

If the Klukwan people had responded to our leadership in the past then there would not have been any break in the leadership for the present. They simply did not respond to what we were offering.

If you have any constructive suggestion about some worker for this field, please let me know, and we will try to work out the details.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

11/2/03
first claim recorded in office of Recorder for Skagway District 12/4/03 in volume 2 of deeds page 3464
Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

recorded in same office
May 7, 1943

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13/29 Home Missions decided to 3d
13th of Natl Missions
Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Everett:

This morning, Mr. Hirst called me to his office and showed me a letter which Miss Norma Lando, the Pentecostal worker at Klukwan, had written the Office controlling land, and which had been handed to Mr. Hirst. She was inquiring as to a clear deed to the Church property at Klukwan being held by the Presbyterian Church.

No record of such a deed has been uncovered in Juneau. It seems that the law requires that property homesteaded, when it ceases its function as originally intended and is to be disposed of, either reverts to the Federal Government, or must meet with their approval.

In order that I may have a clear understanding of our property, will you please tell me what kind of a title we hold. Do we have a clear deed to the property, or do we have a mere right of possession?

I have informed Mr. Hirst that we have decided not to sell the Klukwan property at present, and that we hope, if the way can be found clear, to send a lay worker to Klukwan.

I have also informed Miss Lando, that we will not accept her offer at present.

Looking forward to receiving a statement concerning the title status of the Klukwan property, I am

Cordially yours,

W. R. Booth

Stuckman

Booth

May 17, 1943

AIR MAIL

Rev. Willis R. Booth
P. O. Box 3020
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

I am not surprised that you cannot find any record of the Klukwan property in the Juneau office. It seems that all this recording has been done in the office of the Recorder for Skagway District.

The original deed dated November 2, 1903 from William Johnson will be found in the office of the Recorder for Skagway District in Volume 2 of Deeds and Mortgages, Pages 63 and 64.

This quit claim deed was made to the Board of Home Missions on January 3, 1929. The Board of Home Missions deeded the property to the Board of National Missions. This is recorded in the same office on January 28, 1929, Volume 11, Page 342.

I trust that this will enable you to find the information that you are looking for.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

September 15, 1943

Mrs. Helen Belden
Klukwan, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Belden:

I have your letter of August 23rd, also a letter from Mr. Dan Katzeek, under date of September 5, forwarded to me by Rev. E. E. Bromley, and a telegram from Mr. Katzeek under date of September 14.

The communications from Mr. Katzeek are evidently really from you, which leads me to make clear in your thinking one point regarding the church building and manse at Klukwan. This property is the sole possession of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and does not belong to the community. Therefore its disposition rests entirely with the Board of National Missions.

It should also be clearly understood that for the past two years, approximately, you and Miss Norma Lando, your colleague, have been occupying the manse rent free, and have had the use of the church building, rent free, through the courtesy of the Presbyterian Church. No one in the Presbyterian Church has any desire to cause any trouble to any one, nor do we expect those to whom we have extended courtesies to cause trouble to us. The Committee on National Missions and the Board of National Missions will continue to exercise its jurisdiction over the Church property in Klukwan.

There are certain conditions under which you may temporarily continue to occupy the manse and use the church building at Klukwan for worship services, which are as follows:

1. Beginning, October 1, 1943, you will pay rent for the use of the manse at the rate of \$10.00 per month. The rent shall be due in advance the first day of each month, and shall be paid to Rev. Willis R. Booth, P. O. Box 3020, Juneau, Alaska, as the legal representative of the Board of National Missions. No lease will be given, and if, and when, we send a worker to live in Klukwan, you are immediately, upon notice of that fact, without any disturbance whatsoever, to vacate the manse.

2. You will be extended the courtesy of using the Church building for worship services at such times as the building is not in use by a Presbyterian worker. This means that at any time we send a worker to Klukwan for a service, a day, or any period of time, he is to have full use of the church property without interference, for the time desired.

3. This agreement supersedes and all agreements made at any previous time with you, said Mrs. Helen Belden, or/and, her colleague, Miss Norma Lando, relative to the Klukwan church property, building and manse, and this agreement may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Committee on National Missions of the Presbytery of Alaska of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. or the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America through their legal or proper representative.

Any future correspondence or contacts regarding this property must be addressed to me. You will please send me immediately your acceptance of the above mentioned terms.

Cordially yours,

P. O. Box 3020
Juneau, Alaska.

Copies sent to:
Rev. E. E. Bromley
Rev. E. E. Knudson
Rev. Everett B. King, D. D.
Mr. Dan Katzeek.

Willis R. Booth,
Acting Chairman,
Committee on National Missions
Presbytery of Alaska and
Legal Representative of the
Board of National Missions of
The Presbyterian Church U..S. A.

C O P Y (original letter in Willis R. Booth's folder)

*From Sale - Property
Klukwan*
September 15, 1943

Rev. Everett B. King, D.D.
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett:

Looking forward to the placing of a lay worker at Klukwan this winter, Mr. Bromley notified Mrs. Helen Belden and Miss Norma Lando to vacate the church property at Klukwan on or before October 1, 1943.

Mrs. Belden immediately went to work on the people of Klukwan and through them wrote a letter to Mr. Bromley, and sent to me a telegram, protesting our action. As Mr. Bromley plans to retire October 1, and I have been asked to act as chairman of the Committee on National Missions, I have sent Mrs. Belden the enclosed letter, which I hope will meet with your approval.

Before reaching a decision, I had a conference with Walter Soboloff and Mr. C. M. Hirst of Indian Affairs. It is a most difficult situation because of the fact that the past reputation, supported by present conduct, of the leader of this group makes them undesirable people to have permanently in Klukwan. The Office of Indian Affairs are very much against them due to this fact. At present, there are three women living in the Klukwan manse: Mrs. Belden, Miss Norma Lando, and a negress who is working with them.

Further developments will be reported to you.

Recently, when Rev. Ed. E. Knudson was in Juneau, I discussed the situation with him, and this suggestion was made by Mr. Knudson. He very greatly desires to devote his entire time to Church work, and I believe would like to remain at Haines. If he is given the opportunity, he said that he would be willing to serve Klukwan in addition to Haines. That is made possible due to the much improved condition of the highway between those two places. He said he could see no reason for not taking on Klukwan. This would be possible only if he is relieved of the responsibilities at Haines House, or an adjustment in responsibilities is made. He hoped to discuss this with you on your proposed October trip through Alaska. Perhaps he has written you by now. It is because of this possibility that I have made provision for the use of our property in the event a worker should visit Klukwan at any time. Personally, I hope some way may be worked out for Mr. Knudson to care for Klukwan in bi-weekly or monthly services.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Willis

(above copy made 3-8-1944 and added to Klukwan folder per F.K.)

December 22, 1943.

To: Mr. L.H. Tribus

From: Dr. Keeler

Re: Kluckwan, Alaska

Board owned property. Church building - frame construction. Three rear rooms living quarters for the missionary. The Board has had no missionary here for several years.

When I visited this place in October, I found two women missionaries living here. They are Pentecostal missionaries. Came to Kluckwan about a year ago, found this building vacant and took over.

They conduct Sunday services, morning and evening, and also hold a mid-week service. The local Indians pay all their salary.

It is interesting to note that this same place is one where the Board of National Missions paid all the salary prior to their taking over.

They now pay \$10.00 rent a month, sending the check to Rev. Willis Booth, Chairman of National Missions Committee at Juneau. He will remit this money quarterly to the Board.

The missionaries offered me \$500.00 cash for the building but I refused to take it until this was cleared with the Presbytery as well as the Board.

I thought you might like to have this notation on your files.

Several of the other building properties need quite extensive repairs and in one or two cases, a new church building. This is no time to discuss anything like this however, as materials just can not be had at this time. Whoever the new man is in this territory - He will pick it up in due time.

cc: Dr. Jackman

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The Presbyterian Manse,
Skagway, Alaska.
November 22, 1944

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska,
Board of National Missions,
Presbyterian Church U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Thank you for my November check which was waiting for me when I returned today from my two day trip to Haines and Klukwan. Mrs. Fredsell and our daughter kept the Skagway home-fires burning. While things are fresh in my mind I want to give you my report. We have a splendid Christian worker in Miss. Emma Stauffer. If we ever get her located at Klukwan I know she will be able to handle what is at present a tense and difficult situation. After going through the hardships and the difficulties she has faced in Wales I marvel at her Christian graciousness and strong faith. The folks at Haines House have come to love her, both for her fine work with the children and for the excellent church services she has been leading each week. Miss Stauffer is very capable of handling the Klukwan field, as a nurse and a Christian worker she will win her way into the hearts of the natives. It will be a difficult situation but if she knows that she has the prayers and support of her Board she will do a good job. She should be given some physical comforts, a good stove oil being the cheapest in the long run, the services of a carpenter and the plumbing which I understand is on the premises should be connected. We are sending over an extra bed from the Skagway Manse which is none to good but it will help. Our Church has a splendid administrator in Mrs. Elvira Maurstadt at Haines House. She is being very helpful to Miss. Stauffer and our work at Klukwan.

When I arrived at Haines on Tuesday, Miss Stauffer and Mrs. Maurstadt were disappointed in not being able to get a car to take us to Klukwan. I went to the Army Post Commander and asked if he could let me have the use of a car. His force is now cut to about eight men and their equipment is very limited, however he promised me a car in the morning. It was about 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday before the jeep arrived and Miss. Stauffer along with Mrs. Maurstadt accompanied me to Klukwan. You know the long history of the Klukwan situation so I will not go into it. These three Pentecostal women have poisoned the minds of the natives toward the Presbyterian Church. They have said that we have not had a worker there for the past three or four years and we are not interested in them. Now that these women have built up the church (?) we want to push them out. These and many other unkind remarks have come to the Haines people from the natives who come into town for their mail and shopping. Because of these rumors Mrs. Maurstadt and

Miss Stauffer asked me to go to Klukwan. Verne Swanson on behalf of the National Missions Committee likewise asked me to try and assist the Haines folks as well as the Klukwan people.

Some of the natives in their visits to Haines have been a little unkind to Miss. Stauffer but she is very calm and ~~firm~~ firm reminding them that Klukwan is a Presbyterian responsibility and she has refused to be swayed by the gossip. The natives have a real point in their arguments maintaining we have done little in late years, but they fail to see that these folks are using them for a good thing. Our Manse is occupied by these Pentecostal folks, two white women and one negress and how three people can live off 100 natives is a mystery to me.

Before setting out on our trip we found out the name of the ~~Chief~~ Chief of the tribe who is ~~likensia~~ ~~likensia~~ likewise our one and only Elder, Dan Katzeek. From all reports he is fine man, well respected by the natives, but now evidently well under the control of the Pentecostals. He has attended Presbytery but feels that Dr. King along with the other men were not interested with the ~~prob~~ problems of Klukwan. A letter from you would probably help a lot, he has been the guiding spirit of the church. Mrs. Katzeek some time previously while shopping at Haines, berated Miss. Stauffer in good indian fashion saying they did not want her in Klukwan. Miss Stauffer in her quiet way stood her ground and told the lady I would be out to see Elder Katzeek probably on Tuesday. Not having a car I did not get there until Wednesday. Elder Katzeek was prepared (?) to see me on Tuesday, but on Wednesday he ~~was~~ was out hunting. "The Lord works in ways mysterious" and it was just as well I did not see him because he was ready to scalp me. (figuratively only) This way I had a very nice visit with his wife (who is the better educated and can read) and she will convince her husband that we are not to be bluffed. I read the agreement to Mrs. Katzeek and said we were only asking the Pentecostal ladies to live up to it.

The natives are in desperate need of medical help, there is no longer any Doctor at Haines and the fact that Miss. Stauffer is a nurse will help tremendously in getting our work reorganized. The native school teacher and his wife (a splendid couple with Presbyterian loyalties) told us that Mrs. Katzeek's neighbor and friend was critically ill. At the close of our visit with Mrs. Katzeek, the very wise Miss. Stauffer offered to look at the sick lady. Plans were made to bring her into Skagway for X-rays and Mrs. Katzeek left us in a much friendlier mood. -rays

Down in town after leaving Mrs. Katzeek, just by accident we met the three Pentecostal ladies in their ~~very~~ very fine car. They gave me quite a going over wondering who I was and why I was in Klukwan. As we were about to go into the school house, the older lady (Mrs. Helen Beldon) called to Miss. Stauffer and asked her if she had changed her mind about coming to Klukwan. Miss. Stauffer said definitely not, that the orders of her Board was that she was to start on January 1st and that they were to be out of the house. Mrs. Beldon then said she had received a letter from Rev. Willis Booth in Juneau (in reply to her letter) that she could remain in the Manse and Church until she ~~saying~~ heard from him to the contrary.

Miss Stauffer was a little non-plussed as to this letter and so was I, hearing this conversation from a distance. Miss. Stauffer asked to come over and I was introduced to the ladies. By way of explanation of the letter I explained that Mr. Booth had been in the States and probably did not know that Miss. Stauffer was now ready to take up our work at Klukwan. Mrs. Beldon was a bit arrogant and said she would not move until she heard from Mr. Booth who had signed the original agreement. I told her she would hear from Mr. Booth and that I thought she ought to look for another house.

Upon arriving in Skagway this evening I wired Willis Booth, saying I had visited Klukwan on your instructions and those of the committee. I gave him the picture briefly and suggested he wire Mrs. Beldon "a firm note." When I left Mrs. Katzeek and Miss. Stauffer I promised to return next week probably ^{Friday} Dec. 1st. I believe you would want me to try and straighten matters out so that Miss. Stauffer would be ready to get under way. The Pentecostal ladies will probably not leave the community immediately, but I am confident that Miss. Stauffer can re-establish our work. We must however keep someone on the field or we might just as well leave the banjo-singing Pentecostals here.

Regarding our work at Haines, this appears to be an important field. The few townspeople I visited expressed concern over our church and hoped the Board would soon send a man. Like Klukwan it is being over run with free lancers, there are two Pentecostal men here who are making the big money available and preaching on the side. Men who seem to know what it is all about feel that Haines has a much more promising future than Skagway. The fine road connecting it to the Alaskan Hiway will definitely contribute to its future. The Governor of the Territory is interested in the development of Haines. It is only eight hours drive to Fairbanks. In my conversation with the commander of the post he ~~xx~~ said that some 4000 acres of army property would probably be subdivided for small farms and homesites.

The Church and the Manse are both fine buildings but are in need of attention. Not having heat on at the Manse, the very attractive linoleum is bubbled in places. Our entire property at Haines could profitably have a good maintenance man. Did you ever speak to Miss Voss regarding Mr. Blackburn as a Superintendent of Buildings? He would be a valuable man for our work in Alaska. Considering the relationship of Klukwan and Haines it would appear wise to me to allow a new minister at Haines the use of his car. This would be helpful to Miss. Stauffer who otherwise would be isolated.

I am enclosing a memorandum on Telegrams I do not know how you want to handle this. Please excuse the U. S. O typewriter, mine is ~~xx~~ still en-route. Let me hear from you regarding any further instructions as to Klukwan.

Cordially,

David S. Sells

Just received a telegram from Willis Booth saying he has had no instructions in regard to Miss. Stauffer. Suggest you wire him.

Letter from Klukwan

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

November 22, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. E. E. Bromley
Eklutna, Alaska

My dear Mr. Bromley:

C We are coming to you again because you may have some information which we greatly desire. For several years we have had no worker at Klukwan and the Pentecostals have taken over the use of our whole property. They claim either by right of purchase or possession for three years that all of the furniture there belongs to them.

According to the best information which we have here at the office, you as Chairman of National Missions gave them permission to use the property pending the arrival of a Presbyterian worker. Then in 1943 you notified them to vacate before October 1, 1943. Later Mr. Booth made arrangements with them to pay ten dollars a month rent until the time when we would have a worker for that Church.

P We have transferred Miss Emma Stauffer from Wales to Klukwan. She has arrived at Haines House and will serve there until January first assisting with the work until the return of Miss Horner the nurse from furlough; then Miss Stauffer is to take up her residence at Klukwan and continue our work. She has made one visit to Klukwan and received the information that everything in the property belongs to Mrs. Belden and Miss Lando. We cannot find any statement in the office of the furniture which was there when these women moved in.

Y As soon as we can secure another minister for Haines we will be in the position of having every place filled. This looks hopeful for our work and we certainly want to continue it in that way and even hope for an expansion of the work if and when we can get additional funds. Any information which you can give us will be helpful.

We trust that both you and Mrs. Bromley are well and enjoying your work at the Indian school.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Enc. stamped self-addressed envelope

File - 100-100000
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

*From letter to
Board dated 11/27/44*
November 27, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Willis R. Booth
Box 3020
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

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Humble apologies to you brother if we seem to overlook your authority for the Board in Juneau. We who are new in the office did not know that the Board had granted you this authority and had asked you to look after our affairs officially in Juneau. I was under the impression that your work there was in connection with the Chairmanship of the National Missions Committee. When that changed I had asked you to look after the property on Gold Belt Avenue, the Petersburg rent, and the Klukwan rent. We in the office are learning by bumping into some of these things which have been set up prior to our administration and will have to ask to be forgiven for our mistakes.

The history of the situation at Klukwan is as follows: Correspondence here in the office from you indicates that the Pentecostal workers at Klukwan were not wanted because of certain indiscretions with native men in the village. You reported that the Office of Indian Affairs felt they were a disturbing influence and the village would be better off without them. Edward Knudsen in Chicago last July told me that the Pentecostal preacher who was going up there came involved in immorality with a native woman and the people of the village, he felt, would be glad to turn back to the Presbyterians. This gave me encouragement in the idea of transferring Miss Stauffer to Klukwan in order to reopen that work.

P
Y
Last Spring when we talked about the possibility of Verne Swanson going to Haines which transfer he requested, I suggested to him one of the things which ought to be done at Haines was to recover our work at Klukwan. He agreed to all of the parts of service which I specified but asked that he should not be requested to recover our work. This then would make it necessary for us to have someone else for the work at Klukwan. Mrs. Sparks who now lives at Haines but formerly lived at Klukwan asked that we go back. I told Verne that we should do something for Klukwan and suggested that we find someone to reopen that work. If he did not present this to the National Missions Committee we cannot be held responsible. No notice was given to us that the Committee was meeting otherwise I would have sent a statement of a number of matters which needed to be considered by the Committee and Klukwan was one of them.

November 27, 1944

The Alaska Bulletin sent out about the middle of October contained a statement that Miss Stauffer was to be transferred from Sals to Haines and then to Klukwan. If the men read the bulletin they should all know about this. We sent one to you also and hope that you received it.

Last week I had a visit with Col. Soderson who was in charge of the construction of the Alaska Highway for the army. He indicated his belief that the upper part of the Highway in Canadian territory will be abandoned. He also indicated his feeling that the Dalton Highway will be developed by the United States later. I am not aware of the exact relationship of Klukwan to the Highway but would presume that it is on it or near by and if that Highway does develop Klukwan would then have a future. In which case, we ought to recover our work and be ready for that development.

Miss Stauffer visited Klukwan and notified the Pentecostal workers to vacate by January first. They claim by right of purchase or possession for three years all of the furniture which is in the property. We may have trouble over this but I would rather have them take everything and have to refurnish the living quarters than have any bad situation. We have no information here at the office which we can find which would indicate what furniture was in the property when the Pentecostal workers moved in. Dan Katzeek was not in Klukwan the day Miss Stauffer visited it and she had no opportunity for a conference with him.

We shall send you the following telegram:

"BELIEVE KLUKWAN HAS FUTURE ON DALTON HIGHWAY. ASK PROUTY INVESTIGATE SITUATION HAINES AND KLUKWAN. IF PRESBYTERIANS NOT WANTED KLUKWAN THEN APPRAISE PROPERTY FOR SALE. SEND RECOMMENDATION OFFICE. LETTER FOLLOWS."

If after investigation in Klukwan the Presbyterians are not welcome or wanted then the only sensible thing for us to do is to have the property appraised and offer to sell it to the Pentecostal's for a reasonable price. My own feeling is that we should not do this but should attempt to extend our work rather than reduce it. However, if there is a reasonable recommendation from the National Missions Committee and those of you who are close to the situation, we shall give serious consideration to it.

According to the statement which we have here your arrangement with the Pentecostal people at Klukwan indicates that they are allowed to occupy the property and pay a rental of \$10.- a month until the time the Board decides to reopen our work and then they were to move. We supposed that everything was in order when we were ready to send a worker there. We deeply regret it if our action in this case has caused you any embarrassment. Before we received your letter we had written to you but the letter had not been mailed. We are enclosing it anyway because of the information in it.

If the group up there feel that we ought to sell the property at Klukwan and abandon our work then we will have to move rapidly and find another place for Miss Stauffer. See can be used perhaps at Kasaan if it is possible to reopen our work there. I am sure she will abide by the final decision and will serve where ever

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we want her to serve. Her appointment to Klukwan unless changed is authoritative but it does not mean that your appointment as resident agent has been nullified by the Board. We simply took this action without realization of that appointment. This is one more place where we need to have clarification on relationships between the headquarters office and our work on the field. We are getting some of these cleared at this Board meeting, namely, the purpose of our ministry, the conditions of service in Alaska, and our relationships with the local churches. We need to go further and have a definite understanding between the office and the Presbytery, and the office and the National Missions Committee. We should try to be patient with each other until all these things can be worked out. I am hoping to come up to Presbytery again in April and continue these negotiations for deeper understanding and more efficient work.

You probably did not know that Mr. Freeman was in Ketchikan because you were in the States when this arrangement was made. I had written to the Church at Ketchikan to tell them he was coming so they would be prepared to receive them. When the Freeman's arrived in Seattle, Mr. Howell found he could get earlier transportation for them so that they did arrive before we expected them to. They are on the field and his letters indicate they are devoting themselves wholeheartedly to their task. One point in your letter indicates further need of clarification: you state that his report has come through your hands. We were under the impression that these reports would come through the Chairman of National Missions Committee. It looks as though several things need to be cleared as we go along.

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Glad to know that you/getting settled again in your work. I am sure you must have found many things piling up which will need your early attention. We hope this Klukwan situation will work out without any embarrassment. I presume you know that Verne Swanson is serving Craig as well as Hydaburg this winter.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
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P.S. A letter from Harold Fredsell in Skagway indicated that Miss Stauffer has asked him to go with her to Klukwan to assist her in arrangements with the Pentecostal workers. His letter was dated November 16th and he said he was going over the following week with her. We have no one for Haines yet but are still working on this situation with hopes.

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

November 30, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We wrote you last week concerning our plans for Klukwan but on Monday received a telegram from Willis Booth indicating his embarrassment over our plans because of lack of coordination. We wired him to ask you to go up to Haines and Klukwan for an investigation.

Miss Stauffer has visited Klukwan and asked the workers there to leave in order that she might move in by January first. They in turn, as you know, have asked to buy the property indicating their determination to stay.

If it appears that a Presbyterian worker is not desired in Klukwan then the thing for us to do is to appraise the property for sale to the Pentecostals. I hate to do this because I believe from information received that the Dalton Highway may be used later and Klukwan may have a future along that Highway.

A letter from Mr. Fredsell of Skagway indicates that he was going over to Klukwan with Miss Stauffer to help her clear the arrangements with the occupants of our property. There is one Elder in the Klukwan Church, Dan Katzeek, whom Miss Stauffer did not see the day she visited there. He has wired Willis Booth that they desire the present occupants to remain. It may be through our neglect that we have lost this work.

If it appears that there is no place for Miss Stauffer in Klukwan then we ought to consider using her in some other place, possibly in Kasaan. Will you contact Mr. Swogger concerning this possibility?

We would like to have a report on this as early as possible because we are asking Mr. Howell to investigate the possibility of getting an oil heater and a cook stove for Miss Stauffer at Klukwan. I shall have to depend upon your conference up there over these matters so please give us a report as early as possible so that we may clear all of these things involved.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Eklutna, Alaska
Nov. 30th. '44

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:-

I just received your letter asking about furniture in the Manse at Kluckwan. There was some furniture in the manse that belonged to the Board. It was old and of very much value, but there was enough for our layworker to get along with when he came on the field.

There were two stoves. A good air tight heating stove in the living room, and a Lang cooking stove in the kitchen. However the kitchen stove was about rusted out and may have been discarded by this time. There was at least one bed up stairs and a sanitary couch in the living room down stairs. Also a desk and a few chairs in the living room. There was a table and a few chairs in the dinning room.

I have visited Kluckwan so often and have slept in the manse on numerous visits and I remember quite well what the manse was furnished. Let me say however that I may have forgotten to mention some things that belonged to the Board. What I have mentioned should be there.

Let me add that the bath room fixtures, bath tub, wash basen, and toilet should all be in the manse. A hot water tank also was in the bath room but was not connected.

I am glad to supply any information that will be of any help in working out problems that arise in Alaska Presbytery. And I hope this reaches you in time to be a real help.

I am sending a copy of this letter direct to Miss Stauffer so she will not have to wait for the information.

Sincerely,

E.E. Bromley
E.E. Bromley

Handwritten: 2615

TELEGRAM

December 11, 1944

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

IF ADVISABLE TRY TAKE SOBOLEFF KLUCKWAN WITH YOU.

J. EARL JACKMAN

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TELEGRAM

December 11, 1944

The Rev. William J. Howell
107 Main Street
Renton, Washington

CONDITIONS STILL UNCERTAIN BUT SHIP STAUFFER ORDER HAINES
EARLIEST DATE.

J. EARL JACKMAN

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December 12, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Dan Katzeck
Klukwan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Katzeck:

We are sorry to find ourselves in a difficult relationship with the Klukwan Church because of our apparent lack of interest with you and the people of your village. I realize that you do have some evidence that would seem to indicate that the Board has not been interested in Klukwan recently. However, since coming to this office a year ago, Klukwan has been in my mind and there has been a constant hope that the time might soon come when we would have a worker and funds for her support for your village.

Last summer I talked with two people at the meeting of Presbytery and Presbyterial who formerly lived in Klukwan and who asked that we do something for that village as soon as possible. The opportunity came to transfer a devoted Christian woman who is a nurse to take up the work with you. We feel that Miss Emma M. Stauffer would do much for the spiritual welfare of your people as well as help you in a health program. It would be to your advantage to receive her and cooperate with her for the betterment of the village and the people.

It has been reported to me that there has developed considerable opposition to her coming. If the people of the village and our Church do not want her and would prefer to stay with the Pentecostal's then we must consider the sale of our property there and turn our backs completely upon the village for the future. You folks must decide this for future policy. We desire to return and to do what we can for your people. We hope there may be developed a much finer spirit of cooperation and a greater program of service.

You are an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and a leading spirit in our congregation there as well as being the Chief of your tribe. We are depending upon you to give this matter deep thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit before a decision is made. You will have a great deal of influence in the reaction of your people toward the Presbyterian Church in the future. May we ask you to consider this prayerfully and make your final decision? We shall abide by the result but we trust that your deeper loyalty to the Church body which

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Mr. Dan Katzeek

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has helped to build a Christian character and leadership may have a great influence on your final decision. For several years it was not possible for us to have either the funds or a worker for Klukwan. Some of the other churches are now taking more of their own support and we do have some funds to support a worker with you. We shall hope to hear from you in the near future about this matter.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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CC The Rev. Mr. Booth

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Dec. 21 '44

To Rev. J. Earl Jackman,

Sec'y, Unit of Work in Alaska.

REPORT OF VISIT TO KLUKWAN.

From correspondence and telegraphic word from you, and the authority and instruction thereby given, the visit to Klukwan has been made. The visiting group was to include Ralph Young, Walter Soboleff, and Paul Prouty. Upon the doctors orders Ralph Young was taken off the boat and placed under medical care before the trip could be made. Inasmuch as Andrew Wanamaker was to assume the place of Ralph Young in any case, on January 1st, he was asked to begin at once which he agreed to do.

There was we believe a wise Providence in this turn of affairs; Andrew had been in Klukwan for three winters as a lay-worker some years ago, and knew the country and many of the people well. His presence on the visiting staff was very desirable and helpful. In Walter Soboleff the natives have a consecrated counselor whom they trust and will confide in. Hence we feel the following findings and recommendations do have the merit of close contact and intimate discussion based entirely on Christian interest and a single desire to find the truth as to the better plan for the future development of the Kingdom and welfare of the Klukwan area.

The Pentecostal workers having been in the Klukwan area for many months and having leased our manse and use of the church building from Oct. 1 '43 and at present occupying same, there existed a delicate situation that could quickly become intense and inflammable. Because of this tension we determined on a Spiritual approach, untarnished by selfish material motives. Therefore the first act would be a service of worship.

We were tendered the use of an auto from Haines, by Mr. & Mrs. William Sparks, perhaps the best auto in the area during this time. They refused any compensation even though we had a tire puncture and injured their tire.

The Princeton-Hall arrived in Haines mid-afternoon, the auto met us, and after a brief visit at Haines House and the unloading of Christmas gifts we proceeded over the twenty-three miles to Klukwan. On the street through the evening twilight Andrew Wanamaker recognized Elder Dan Katzeck from the auto window. He called to him and after greetings Mr. Katzeck set forth through the village notifying

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the people of an evening service in the church. Walter Soboleff was to preach, Andrew Wanamaker to lead the singing and Missionary Prouty was to fill in where necessary. Thus we felt we were working from a Spiritual foundation. No mention of business was made the first evening. The sermon was comforting, the song service enthusiastic. The testimony meeting heard person after person, (more than forty were present) arise to express only deep appreciation for the coming of someone for whom they had looked so long. We finished the day and went to our rest at 2 A.M.

On the second day Andrew Wanamaker visited the homes in Klukwan, Soboleff and Prouty returning to Haines to see after the boat and meet with the session of the Haines church to assist in matters they put forth.

The second meeting in Klukwan more than fifty being present, was after the manner of the first, sermon, song service, testimony meeting. At the close of the testimonies the opportunity was given for a discussion of business. The entire testimony in evidence during the majority of this business session was appreciative of their Presbyterian past. Then one of them put the question as to what we would report relative to the sale of their church building. For our group, Prouty answered, "From what you have stated, we will in our report recommend that the church building be not sold". Then we were about to close the meeting, (discussions and interpretations consumed much time) a minority opinion was expressed in asking that we include in our report a question to the Board asking the price they would ask for the property. In another paragraph we state our reason as to why we are not asking this question. This night we did not get to bed at all. The winter season is so hazardous on Lynn Canal we thought best to utilize the favorable weather for a safe return trip.

As to Miss Emma Stauffer going to Klukwan, we feel that it would be best to refrain from sending one who has to some minds seemingly been indirectly and unconsciously a party to controversy. She is efficient and greatly appreciated at Haines, both by reason of her pulpit work, nursing, and labors in Haines House. We recommend that she continue to serve there temporarily.

The geographic location of Klukwan, ^{being} in the midst of a game and fish area, plus the possibility of highway development and agriculture, with the initial work already done, we ought to lend all support to the work of Presbyterians in their midst.

Due to the highly controversial issue regarding aboriginal land rights of Native Alaskans, we believe it safe to not consider the sale of property at Klukwan. Any appraisals or discussion of values will involve much heated controversy we believe. A minority, leaning too heavily to Pentecostalism, asked how much "they", (you) wanted for the property. This ought to go unanswered. As one of them/ said, "To sell would be an insult".

We urge that as soon as possible your office make arrangements for material improvement on said property, shingles, paint, exterior and interior, Hymn books 50 copies, heating stove plus stove pipe,

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plus other improvement as may be required. They have built a complete new and strong sidewalk, also put the bell up on the roof in a stable manner.

As to a lay-worker we recommend Cyrus Peck. His children are soon to be transferred to Haines while his wife goes South for health treatment .

We recommend an immediate cancellation of rental on the property now being made at \$10.00 per month. Also recommend that no thirty day notice be sent present occupants to vacate, until we have acceptable worker to send in .

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kahklen , Thlingets, and serving Klukwan efficiently in the capacity of U.S. government school teachers, and Presbyterians at heart, have set an example beyond reproach among these people, or elsewhere. They too would be disappointed more than can be said if we vacated Klukwan.

We have knowledge of Dr. George A. Dale, Ph. D. and Dr. Evelyn Butler, Ph. D.; officials in the office of Indian affairs suggesting that ~~that~~ our church should carry on its work in Klukwan. They have definite insight in the community problem there .

Elders, at our second meeting referred to above, reported sending an Elder delegate successively to Presbytery requesting a worker, and material improvement as heretofore mentioned. When one of these Elders was dying he made known that the request should be carried by someone else to Presbytery. Such a sentiment has a deep meaning to these folk. They are a group who of all groups represent at best the early culture of the Thlingets. The Presbyterian Church has served them well in days past. Our failure in serving them of late has caused us to lose face. We ought to make good now.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,

Andrew Wanamaker
Walter Soboleff
Paul Prouty

Andrew Wanamaker
Walter Soboleff
Paul Prouty

Rev. Dan Katsook
Church Order

January 5, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Dan Katsook
Klukwan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Katsook:

Thank you for your letter and the petition which you sent to us. We are glad to have you express your loyalty to your Church and your desire to have it go forward with a strong spiritual ministry to your people.

We have had a report from the Committee which came up to hold services with you and talk about the future of the Church. We should express to you our deep regret that we have been unable to send you any minister for so long a period of time. We realize that we have not given you the service which we should have given and it is this feeling that makes us say to you now that we want to render a spiritual service to you from the Presbyterian Church. Please express to your people our purpose to help them in every way possible and we hope that our failure in the past will not prevent us from helping you now.

The Committee which visited you has recommended that we appoint a lay-worker from the Presbyterian Church to lead your congregation in a spiritual ministry. We have taken this under advisement and are trying to find one of your own people who can come to you for that purpose. We shall not be able to work this out immediately but want you to know that we are concerned about your welfare and will do what we can for you in the future.

The Committee has also recommended that we provide some funds to help repair your Church building and help you secure a set of hymn books. We are willing to do both of these things as evidence of our desire to help. When we are ready with a worker, we shall also be ready to do some work on the Church. We had hoped that Miss Stauffer might be the worker because she is a consecrated person and could also give some nursing service as well as the ministry in the Church.

We are glad to have established a contact with you and want to assure you that we are thinking of what we can do to help you. Please do not hesitate to write again and make any suggestions which you may have for a closer relationship and better ministry from the Presbyterian Church for your congregation and community.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated but not
signed by Mr. Jackson

- cc The Rev. Willis A. Booth
- cc The Rev. Paul Prouty
- cc The Rev. Walter Seboldoff
- cc The Rev. Verne Swanson

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Dear J. Earl Jackson

I will answer your letter to day This is my first time I got a letter from the head quarters in the year of 1944 I want to call your attention to look over this matter since our lay worker died Mrs Harry Willard. since then I did look after the church work since then we never had any lay worker The People that told you story about they were the ones that had told we will not have any Preacher up here. And I want to tell you the People that start this trouble and told story that went true And we had to read the letter to the People And may be God did not want to hide any trouble away from us That why you had to tell us who told you stories about us People And since you put me on ^{for} elder They never ask tell me what to do I used my own judgment And this time when you got your letter saying that you had your Back on use

And we know that you must untreat
us And we are working for God
And do you think you are talking once
to the People saying that you had your
Back on us People is that a Christian
Words you gave us People
And you also said Pentecostal Buy out
the Property that you will complet you
Backs on us And I want you to
answer your letter you wrote to me
so I have to answer your letter back
The Lord Jesus Won't turn his Back
on us. And This Work that was good
We are not Blaming you for it that
was Mr Rev Booth was the one that
said they can Buy the Property that
why they want to Buy it. And this
why they want to Buy the Property
The Ladies that are Carriers on the
Work for you head quarters they
never told us to join their Church but
they said they will help Presbyterians
they only want to have come from
the undersigned (see Paper) I am
sending you a copy of it there are
the People want the Missionary Ladies

And I did not think that your head
quarters would turn you back on us
and I wrote to Mr Rev Booth and
I have not strength now I lose all
my strength to carry on the Elder
work since I got this letter I feel
very sorry I cant stand on my
feet any more, Please tell
the Missionary Ladies if you going
to sell the Property, God prepare
a place for you this is Gods Word
I am standing buy Gods Word
Jesus said He prepare a place for
us Jesus said He want all who
Believe in him,
This is a cold winter now and it hard
to move out from the Church Property
that why they want to buy the Property
they cant get a House soon this winter
your head quarters should tell Summer time
it would be different but now it hard
to move out in this cold weather
I like to tell the truth to my people
and now every body is laughing at
us now we Christians people

they sure laugh but they don't see
why we having trouble about the church
Propety. I told Mr Prooty about selling
the church Propety, and I will tell
you all about I want you to understand
what I am writing about I am
telling you every thing All the People had
meeting in church that why I am
writing to you

I will now close
from Mr Dan Katzech

Answer soon as possible

July 2 1945

WE THE UNDERSIGNED DESIRE TO HAVE HELEN BELDEN, CARO HARRISON, AND
NORMA LANDO CONTINUE TO STAY IN THE KLUKWAN CHURCH.

Charlie James
Kitty James
Johnnie Willard
Elsie Kasko
Mary Charlie
Archie Watson
Jennie W arane
Frances Young
John Shortz
George Sandges
Jessie Johnson
Victor Hatch
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Helen Hatch
Mrs Willie Lee
Willie Lee
Mary Lee
Frank White
George Katzeck
Mrs. Geo. Katzeck
Charlie Abbott
Mrs John Williams

Margaret Katzeck
Ruth Katzeck

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see Mrs. Charles letter
of 1/1/45

MEMORANDUM

November 13, 1945

To - - Cabinet of Missionary Operation
From - Dr. J. Earl Jackman - Unit of Work in Alaska
Re: - Klukwan, Alaska

Word has just been received by wire that the manse of the Church at Klukwan burned on Friday, November 9, 1945. The report states that 60% of the manse, 30% of the furniture, and 75% of the bedding and clothing of the missionary were destroyed. The Church was not damaged. A defective flue was the cause.

The manse is a part of the Church building and the Board has \$2000. insurance on the entire structure.

The Unit of Work in Alaska desires authority to rebuild the manse, complete some much needed repairs on the Church, and add a 1000 watt light plant for the church and manse. The money received from the Insurance Company would be used first and the balance would be requested from the Building Aid Committee.

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

"Excerpt from November 30, 1945 Minutes of Board Meeting:

"That the insurance to be received on the church and manse at Klukwan, Alaska, partially destroyed by fire, be made available for the rebuilding of this structure and that the balance required, to the estimated total of \$2,000. be made available from Building Aid Funds."

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

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MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

February 5, 1946

Re. Klukwan (Tele)

Reverend J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Mr. Nannamaker the Carpenter or Pilot on ship

The Klukwan Manse repairs are getting under way. We loaded such materials as can be obtained in Juneau today. The Columbia Lumber Company is allowing us to get from their Sitka mill what they cannot supply here.

Also they may not be able to supply the wallboard and we will try to get some of that at least from the store at Haines.

These days in Alaska are crowded with new building plans. Everyone is in a hurry to build and supplies are short. We feel very fortunate to get started at all.

|| Inasmuch as we are taking supplies now, how do you wish the payments made? The prices are all according to the estimates which have already been furnished.

Sincerely

Paul

Paul H. Prouty

